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N=Narrator

DAZ3107 The devils of Bakersfield [SJJAL:10] by John Shannon

Dwight Brahs - N

Jack Liffey and his pregnant teenage daughter Maeve run into trouble in Bakersfield, California after stopping there for the night on their way home to Los Angeles. When a sleepless Maeve leaves their motel for a walk, she's falsely arrested for dope possession and jailed for a short time with Toxie, a rebellious teenager with whom she discovers she shares a passion for Jane Eyre. Worried about Toxie, Maeve returns from L.A. to Bakersfield where Dennis Kohlmeyer, the paranoid pastor of the 10,000 member Olive Grove Evangelical Church has incited his flock to hysteria against devil worshippers.

DAZ3164 The concrete river [SJJAL:1] by John Shannon

Eric Holland - N

Jack Liffey's lost everything. His job as an aerospace worker is gone, he's depressed, and then his wife takes his daughter and leaves. What pulls him back together is a startling discovery: called upon for a favor, he finds he possesses a talent for locating missing children. He embarks on a new, if self-invented, profession. Not quite a private eye, he is an explorer of various ethnic communities or subcultures in Los Angeles.

DAZ3203 Pure Goldwater by John W. Dean & Barry M. Goldwater, Jr.

Catherine Holler - N

Barry Goldwater kept a journal covering his personal and political lives for over 50 years. His son, and John Dean, the former White House counsel, present an in-depth look at "Mr. Conservative" using his own words.

DAZ3343 *Revenge of the saguaro: offbeat travels through America's Southwest* by Tom Miller

Jim Yeater - N

Tom Miller's Southwest is a vortex of cockfights and cantinas, of black velvet paintings and tacky bolo ties, of eco-militants, border-crossers, and eccentric characters whose outlook is as spare and elemental as the desert that surrounds them. This is Miller's turf. When a saguaro cactus outside Phoenix kills its own assassin, it becomes clear that no other guide to the Southwest manifests such a clear moral vision while reveling in the joy of this magnificent land and its people.

DAZ3349 *Dearest Dorothy, merry everything* [BCWTP:5] by Charlene Ann Baumbich

Linda Chiles - N

As Christmas approaches, Katie Durbin's plans to create a mini-mall in the town square are threatened by some mutinous citizens, and 88-year-old Dorothy Jean Wetstra will need all of her shrewd diplomacy and powerful prayers to win them all over. Meanwhile, the town is in a dither because of the untimely accidental death of one of its leading residents.

DAZ3352 *Percival's planet* by Michael Byers

Janet Spielmann - N

1928. A number of people are drawn to Flagstaff, Arizona, influenced by a force stronger than gravity. They are looking for something: some for love and some for sanity. Some claw the ground in search of fossils while others scan the sky for evidence of the elusive Planet X. *

DAZ3361 *Haunt me still* [CJKAS:2] by Jennifer Lee Carrell

Bobbette LeBaron - N

This literary thriller is based on the premise that Shakespeare's Macbeth originally included magical rites omitted by the playwright after a young actor died before the play's premiere. Acclaimed actress Lady Nairn recruits Kate Stanley, academic-turned-Shakespearean-director, to find the original manuscript and stage the play, immersing Kate in a deadly hunt involving the occult.

DAZ3363 Poisoned by guilt [CLDBM:6] by Leslie Caine

Toni Mease - N

Interior designers Erin Gilbert and Steve Sullivan have an eco-friendly project in the running for the “Best Green Home in Crestview, Colorado” contest. Their excitement is quelled when the judge steps down over past conflicts with their client and later dies under suspicious, paint-related circumstances. As they search for the culprit, Erin despairs over her rocky relationship with Steve.

DAZ3380 The life of glass by Jillian Cantor

Debbie Moreno - N

Before his death, Melissa’s father admired the glass she had found in the desert and told her that it takes a million years to decay. She reflects on this amazing fact and the others that he wrote in the journal he left behind. As she starts her freshman year of high school, her family life and friendships begin to suffer and she tries to make sense of her life. For junior and senior high readers.

DAZ3388 The African quest [HLLAM:5] by Lyn Hamilton

Lois Brock - N

Toronto shopkeeper-turned-sleuth Lara McClintoch is leading the first tour for her (and her ex-husband’s) company, but she’s in over her head when a high-stakes search for sunken treasure in Tunisia turns dangerous and the hunt for ancient artifacts becomes entangled with all-too-modern greed.

DAZ3391 Wild indigo [ASJAW:1] by Sandi Ault

Toni Mease - N

Jamaica Wild, a resource-protection agent for the Bureau of Land Management, fails to save Jerome Santana from being trampled by a herd of buffalo. In fact, the leadership of the Tanoah Pueblo in New Mexico blames her for starting the stampede. Jamaica's investigation to prove Santana's death was murder--freeing her from culpability--leads to an exciting mountain rescue. Ault blends the traditions and ceremonies from several Pueblo cultures, immersing the reader in Pueblo life and the beauty of northern New Mexico.

DAZ3396 End run [BSDRG:1] by Steve Brewer

Gary Weberg – N

Drew Gavin, sportswriter for the Albuquerque Gazette, doesn't make many friends reporting the losses of the local college football team. He makes a few more enemies after the husband of an ex-girlfriend is murdered. When he becomes the prime suspect, he seeks the killer to clear his name. *

DAZ3412 Arizona: 100 years grand by Lisa Schnebly Heidinger

Laurie Schnebly Campbell - N

This official book of the Arizona Centennial celebrates the people and places that have shaped our state. Beginning with statehood in 1912, each year focuses on one aspect of Arizona, including the creation of Old Tucson, the sinking of the USS Arizona, and the reconstruction of the London Bridge at Lake Havasu. An approved Arizona Historical Advisory Commission Legacy Project. ONEBOOKAZ in 2012.

DAZ3418 The zombie chasers by John Kloefer

Rene Rinaldi - N

Zack, his nerdy, chicken pox covered friend Rice, and his sister's conceited, vegan friend Madison, are on the run from zombies. As they drive from Phoenix to the Tucson Air Force Base, they must avoid the truly gross undead creatures that pursue them. It's entirely possible that a new fast food restaurant is to blame for the zombie nightmare. For grades 3-6.

DAZ3429 Fatal revenge [DPMAP:2] by Phil Dunlap

Ty Hofflander - N

When Jed Bourbonette shoots and kills ornery gambler Gold Pearson, no one in the saloon disputes that it was done in self-defense. Piedmont Kelly, U.S. Marshall for the Arizona Territory, suspects that Jed and Jake were there to avenge the murder of their rancher brother, Albert. Kelly is determined to connect the murders, even as the bullets start flying.

DAZ3440 Addie Slaughter: the girl who met Geronimo

by Susan L. Krueger

Rene Rinaldi - N

While Addie Slaughter traveled all over the American West, she spent much of her childhood on a ranch in the San Bernardino Valley of Arizona. Told in the voice of the young pioneer, she describes her family and discusses important events, including the day that the Chiricahua Apache chief Geronimo presented her with a gift. For grades 3-6. Includes a curriculum guide. An approved Arizona Historical Advisory Commission Centennial Legacy Project.

DAZ3446 Raul Castro: Arizona's first Hispanic governor

by Marilyn Myrick Watson

Rene Rinaldi - N

Biography of Raul Castro, who overcame discrimination to become Arizona's first Hispanic governor. Discusses his childhood, education, and his distinguished career as a lawyer, county attorney, judge, ambassador, and governor. For grades 4-7. The Arizona State Greats biography series is an approved Arizona Historical Advisory Commission Centennial Legacy Project.

DAZ3449 Smaldone: the untold story of an American crime family

by Dick Kreck

Maurice Devany - N

Clyde Smaldone was the head of Denver's crime family for forty years, from the years of Prohibition to the Colorado mob wars of the 1970s. This biography portrays him not as a criminal mastermind with his fingers in booze-running, gambling, and loan-sharking, but also as a devoted family man who gave generously to his community, helping families in need. It was written with the cooperation of the Smaldone family.

DAZ3450 Rose Perica Mofford: first woman governor of Arizona

by Marilyn Myrick Watson

Rene Rinaldi - N

Biography of Rose Mofford, who took the office of Governor of Arizona in April 1988. Highlights her many accomplishments, including a year playing professional softball before devoting herself to work in state government. For grades 4-7. The Arizona State Greats biography series is an approved Arizona Historical Advisory Commission Centennial Legacy Project.

DAZ3452 Barry M. Goldwater by Marilyn Myrick Watson

Rene Rinaldi - N

Biography of Barry Goldwater, who was a U.S. Senator for 30 years. Highlights his family history, interest in aviation and electronics, and political accomplishments. For grades 4-7. The Arizona State Greats biography series is an approved Arizona Historical Advisory Commission Centennial Legacy Project.

DAZ3454 Faded contrails: last flights over Arizona by Trey Brandt

Laura de Blank - N

During the height of World War II and beyond, military aircraft used Arizona's sunny skies for training. However, collisions, clouds, and cliffs proved the downfall of many pilots and crew. The author investigates twenty such disasters, describing the fateful flights, examining the crash sites, and conversing with family and survivors.

DAZ3459 Borderline Americans: racial division and labor war in the Arizona borderlands by Katherine Benton-Cohen

Ty Hofflander

Historian examines issues of race in the border region of Cochise County, Arizona. Opens with the Bisbee Deportation of 1917, in which armed deputies rounded up immigrants of 34 nationalities and sent them by boxcar into the New Mexico desert.

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